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Dear Sir:

I Kiron M. Das, hereby declare, subject to penalty of perjury, that:

I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and that if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the following:

1. I am a medical doctor, and I have been involved in the research of inflammatory bowel disease for over 20 years.
2. My current position is Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

3. I have reviewed U.S. Patent Application No. 09/779,689 entitled THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC METHODS FOR ULCERATIVE COLITIS AND ASSOCIATED DISORDERS filed February 8, 2001.

4. I am the named inventor of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/779,689 referenced above.

5. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter of all claims of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/779,689 referenced above.

6. I am the sole inventor of the disclosure in the Kesari et al. (Clin Exp Immunol 1999; 118: 219-227) publication which discloses the subject matter of all claims in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/779,689 referenced above.

7. I hereby further declare that all statements made herein are made of my own knowledge, are true, and that all statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S.C. and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of U. S. Patent Application No. 09/779,689.

Signed at NJ, New Jersey on 4/30/03, 2003.


Kiron M. Das